THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE CSHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An illegal abortion is one, which is conducted at a place not approved by the Government or by an unqualified doctor, or at a belated stage of pregnancy. With a view to making abortion safe in certain prescribed circumstances, as also preventing illegal abortion, the Medical Termination Pregnancy (MTP) Act was enacted in 1971. Subsequently, a number of authorised facilities for conducting MTPs increased from 1087 in 1976 to 8511 in 1994-95. The reported number of MTP cases increased from 3,81,111 during the years 1972 to 1976 to 6,25,931 during 1994-95. Actually, the number of illegal abortions estimated to be taking place every year is much higher. Some of the illegal abortions are conducted by qualified persons, but are not reported for various reasons. Social prejudices and the stigma, still attached to abortion make it difficult for many women to go in for MTP Operations in Public Hospitals.

Under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme launched in October, 1997, the Government has the objective of (i) Intensifying the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign in favour of legal abortions; (ii) upgrading and expanding facilities for safe Medical Termination of Pregnancies; (iii) Strengthening the MTP Centres. MTP equipment are being provided to all District Hospitals, CHCs and PHCs which have the required level of facilities; (iv) Training to Doctors under the MTP procedure; (v) providing a wide range of maternal health services including MTP, the support of the NGO sector is being enlised.

Orders to M/s HLL for condoms

1876. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which Government reduced its orders placed in M/s Hindustan Latex Ltd. for condoms, Copper-T and oral contraceptive pills during 1997-98;

(b) reasons for people being forced to purchase those from private companies with much more prices; and

(c) how can Government control population growth if this continues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) The Purchase Preference Policy for Central PSUs was not in force when the orders for most of the annual requirements for Contraceptives were placed for 1997-98. Hence, orders were placed on firms including M/s Hindustan Latex Ltd. for supply of Contraceptives during 1997-98 in the ratio of their capabilities giving M/s Hindustan Latex Ltd. some weightage.

(b) The price at which Contraceptives were procured was the same for private and Public sectors.

(c) Adequate quantity of Contraceptives was made available for use during 1997-98, through Free Supply and Social Marketing Schemes.

इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति

1877. **श्री नागमणि** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति मेडिकल काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया के कार्यक्षेत्र कि परिधि में आती है;

(ख) क्या इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति अधिनियम, 1970 की परिधि में आती है;

(ग) क्या इलेक्ट्रोपैथी सेंट्रल काउंसिल ऑफ होम्योपैथी एक्ट, 1973 की परिधि में आती है;

(घ) क्या चिकित्सा की पांचवी नवीन पद्धति इलेक्ट्रोपैथी भारत में विकास के स्तर पर है; और

(ड) क्या सरकार को इस बात की पूर्ण जानकारी है कि इलेक्ट्रोपैथी के मेडिकल संस्थान पिछले 4-1/2 वर्ष से इस क्षेत्र में कार्य कर रहे है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एज़िलमलाई): (क) से (ड) इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति भारतीय चिकित्सा परिषद अधिनियम, 1956, भारतीय चिकित्सा केन्द्रीय परिषद अधिनियम, 1970 अथवा केन्द्रीय होम्योपैथी परिषद अधिनियम, 1973 के क्षेत्रधिकार में नहीं आती है । इलेक्ट्रोपैथी अधिकारिक तौर पर मान्यता प्राप्त चिकित्सा पद्धति नहीं है, और इसलिए यह 5वीं नई चिकित्सा पद्धति कहलाने के योग्य नहीं ठहरती है । सरकार के पास इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा संस्थाओं की अद्यतन और सही सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है क्योंकि यह पद्धति मान्यत प्राप्त नहीं है ।

Proposal received from U.P. Government for establishing/expanding Hospitals

1878. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':
SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals from Uttar Pradesh Government for establishing or expanding hospitals have been received so far or are pending;

(b) details of their status separately and since when these are pending; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting/taking long time in considering these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) to (c) The following proposals of the Government of Uttar Pradesh for funding as Externally aided projects are pending:—

(1) 500 bedded Hospital at Bareilly.

(2) 500 bedded Hospital at Faizabad.

(3) 300 bedded Hospital at Badaun. The

proposals at (1) & (2) above have been approved technically by D.G.H.S. The Uttar Pradesh Government was requested to intimate, inter-alia that the counter-part funding would be provided in the State Budget. As regards (3) above, after obtaining the technical approval of Director General of Health Services, the proposal has been forwarded in March, 1998 to the Department of Economic Affairs for posing for funding from OPEC funds.

A project Proposal, received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh under the State Health System Development Project, has been posed to the World Bank for assistance.

इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति को मान्यता दिया जाना

1879. **श्री नागमणि**: क्या स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण मंत्री 18 मार्च, 1997 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 321 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और वह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या इलेक्ट्रोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति को मान्यता देने के लिए सरकार को कुछ और दस्तावेजों और पेपरों की आवश्यकता है;

(ख) क्या मंत्रालय ने इस आशय का कोई पत्र इलेक्ट्रोपैथी संस्था को लिखा है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो मंत्रालय द्वारा इस पद्धति को मान्यता देने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एज़िल मलाई): (क) से (ग) राज्य सभा में 18.3.1997 को तारांकित प्रश्न स. 321 के पूरक प्रश्न के उत्तर में माननीय स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण राज्य मंत्री ने कहा था कि उन व्यक्तियों द्वारा जो इस चिकित्सा पद्धति को मान्यता दिलवाना चाहते है, और अधिक वैज्ञानिक ब्यौरे दिय जाने अपेक्षित है । अंत: जब तक ऐसे कागजात प्राप्त नहीं हो जाते तब तक इलेक्ट्रोपैथी/ इलेक्ट्रो होमियोपैथी चिकित्सा पद्धति के मान्यता देने संबंधी मुद्दे की पुन: जांच करना संभव नहीं होगा ।

Increase in cases of oral cancer

1880. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of oral cancer have been increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor;